

Thank You M'am  
Study Guide

1. What does the woman do to the boy after he tries to steal her purse?
2. How would you have reacted in Mrs. Jones's place?
3. What can you infer about Roger's home life?
4. Why doesn't Roger run out of the room when he has the chance?
5. Mrs. Jones left her purse unattended and went into the other room. What is revealed by her action?
6. Explain the phrase: "because shoes come by devilish ways like that will burn your feet."
7. Analyze how Roger's view of Mrs. Jones changed from the beginning to the end of the story.
8. What is Mrs. Jones' main reason for taking Roger home?
9. Why does Mrs. Jones tell Roger about her past?
10. What two character traits describe Mrs. Jones's character throughout the story?
11. What does Roger learn by the end of the story?
12. Why do you think Roger finds it difficult to say more than "thank you, m'am"?

13. Explain what internal conflict is and give an example of it from the story.
14. List two types of external conflict and give examples of them from the story.
15. What is the climax of the story "Thank You, M'am"?